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FOR ATHERTON AND PROTOCOL FROM BYROADE

1. WE HAVE A NEW DEVELOPMENT AS REGARDS THE BHUTTO VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN THAT HIS VISIT TO CANADA ON FEBRUARY 7 AND 8 HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO SOME TIME NEXT SUMMER. HE IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR A VISIT TO ROMANIA, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 9. AS HE OBVIOUSLY HAS TO LAY OVER SOMEWHERE FOR ABOUT A DAY AND A HALF, HIS PREFERENCE IS NEW YORK CITY, RETAINING HIS PREVIOUSLY FIXED DEPARTURE TIME FROM WASHINGTON ON THE MORNING OF THE 7TH.

2. WHILE I REALIZE WE HAVE NO OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE FOR BHUTTO IN NEW YORK, IT IS OBVIOUSLY IN OUR INTERESTS TO SEE THAT IT IS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE. AS THIS CHANGE CAME TO ME DURING CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF TELEPHONING JOE REED AT CHASE MANHATTAN BANK TO FIND OUT INFORMALLY WHETHER DAVID ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE IN NEW YORK AT THAT TIME AND WHETHER HE MIGHT LIKE TO GIVE A LUNCH OR DINNER FOR BHUTTO ON FRIDAY. FEBRUARY 7. I TOLD REED NOT TO TAKE ANY ACTION UNLESS AND UNTIL HE WAS CONTACTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. I NOW HAVE A COMMERCIAL CABLE FROM REED SAYING THAT ROCKEFELLER WOULD BE PLEASED TO OFFER FULL HOSPITALITY STAG LUNCH FOR BHUTTO ON FEBRUARY 7. HE ALSO GAVE
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THE ALTERNATIVE OF A MORE INFORMAL COCKTAIL HOUR AT HIS RESI-

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DENCE FOR BOTH PRIME MINISTER AND BEGUM BHUTTO. I DO HOPE YOU WILL FIND THIS ACCEPTABLE AND SEE THAT JOE REED IS INFORMED THAT BHUTTO WOULD PREFER THE LUNCHEON AND WOULD BE HIGHLY PLEASED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION IF OFFERED.

3. IF THE ABOVE CAN BE ARRANGED, BHUTTO IS CONTENT TO HAVE NOTHING ELSE ARRANGED FOR NEW YORK CITY EXCEPT TO MEET WITH PAKISTANIS IN NEW YORK, WHICH THEY OF COURSE WOULD ARRANGE BY THEMSELVES. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT BEGUM BHUTTO MIGHT DO IN NEW YORK CITY. I HAVE NOT HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO HER AND DO NOT KNOW WHAT ARRANGEMENTS THEY MAY BE TRYING THEMSELVES TO ARRANGE FOR HER ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

4. THE BHUTTO PARTY WOULD PLAN TO DEPART NEW YORK CITY ABOUT 1500 HOURS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 FOR EARLY MORNING ARRIVAL NEXT DAY IN BUCHAREST.
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